

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—That is exactly the information that has to be obtained from the Law Commissioner.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Is not the consolidation work rather heavy?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—I do not understand what the Hon'ble Member means.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Are there not Regulations containing various amendments? Will it not be heavy work to consolidate all these?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Amendments have to be incorporated in the respective Regulations. The work of consolidation will be taken up immediately.

Furniture—Anjikaimal District Court.

79. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that there are not sufficient chairs in the Anjikaimal District Courts, for the Vakils;

(b) are not most of the available chairs, too old to be retained in the service of the Government?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(a) and (b) No.

Terms of appointment—Diwan of Cochin.

80. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. what are the original terms of appointment of Sir Shanmukham as the Diwan of Cochin;

2. whether any of those terms have been altered or modified; and if so, what are those alterations and modifications?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—

1. The terms are:—

(a) Appointment for a period of 3 years on a net salary of Rs. 3,000 per mensem deducting income-tax.

(b) Free quarters and free use of State cars and conveyances,

- (c) Stay at Coonoor for a period of 2 months.
- (d) T. A. to be governed by the C. S. R., but mileage allowed at the rate of 12 annas a mile, but only at the rate of 6 annas a mile when travelling in State cars or boats.

2. No.

Diwan's visits to Bombay.

81. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state the objects of the two recent visits of the Diwan to Bombay?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—To attend the Conference convened by the Indian States' Ministers and the Chamber of Princes to consider questions relating to the States' entry into the Federation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to also give us a little more information about the nature of work?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—The discussions were absolutely confidential.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—I want only the nature of the work that has been attended to there.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—The proceedings were not open to the public.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Is it the view of the Government that in matters of this kind this House has no business to know the proceedings taking place?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—No such statement was made by me.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—I drew that inference.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—That inference was neither legitimate nor intended by me.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—May I bring to the notice of the Government that in connection with the Harbour question some times a statement was given in this House by the ex-Diwan. After the conferences he used to give us information as to what took place. I only want to say that if and when they consider that they can do it without infringing public policy, we may be given the gist of the proceedings.